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## Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-8 and 10-16 are allowed.

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

3. The closest prior art, Erwin (US 3,314,838), discloses pressure sensitive adhesives comprising spheroids, where the spheroids may contain alkali metal silicates. The whole particles have particle sizes ranging from 20-500 microns (20,000-500,000 nm). Although the reference teaches that the particles are then crushed to form smaller particles, the reference does not disclose the weight average diameters of the particles within the claimed range. For this reason, it is the examiner's position that the present claims provide a novel and unobvious step over the prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melanie D. Bissett whose telephone number is (571) 272-1068. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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